

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the Claims as shown below:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A system comprising:

~~an entryway;~~

a docking station;

a portable computer system that outputs a signal containing a password after slid into said docking station, wherein said docking station receives and outputs said signal;

a reader device receives said signal from said docking station, said reader device outputs a release signal if said password is authorized; and

~~a locking~~ an entryway locking mechanism that unlocks ~~said entryway~~ upon receipt of said release signal.

13. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).

14. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a pager.

15. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a portable telephone.

16. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a laptop computer system.

17. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said password is unique.

18. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said docking station comprises a mechanical and electrical interface for interfacing with a communication interface of said portable computer system.

19. (currently amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that tracks the time and date of an ingress of said portable computer system ~~enters said entryway~~.

20. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said docking station enables communication between said portable computer system and said reader device.

Claims 21-30 (canceled)

31. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said password is common.

32. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a calculator.

33. (currently amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that tracks the time and date of an egress of said portable computer system ~~exits said entryway~~.

34. (currently amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that creates a personal log documenting ingress and egress of said portable computer system's ~~ingress and egress of said entryway system~~.

35. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a memory device that stores said password.

36. (previously presented) The system of Claim 35 wherein said password is programmed and stored within said memory device by interfacing with controls of said portable computer system.

37. (previously presented) The system of Claim 35 wherein said password is programmed and stored within said memory device via a communication interface of said portable computer system.

38. (previously presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein said docking station comprises a button that initiates communication between said portable computer system and said reader device.

39. (new) A system comprising:

a portable computing device comprising a radio frequency identification integrated circuit that outputs a radio frequency signal containing a security code in response to being located within a radio frequency signal field where said radio frequency identification integrated circuit picks up enough radio frequency energy to cause said radio frequency identification integrated circuit to become energized to output said radio frequency signal, said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is inactive except when located within said radio frequency signal field;

a reader device that outputs said radio frequency signal field and receives said radio frequency signal, said reader device outputs a release signal if said security code is authorized; and

an entryway locking mechanism that unlocks upon receipt of said release signal.

40. (new) The system of Claim 39 wherein said portable computing device is a personal digital assistant (PDA), a pager, a portable telephone, a calculator, or a laptop computer system.

41. (new) The system of Claim 39 wherein said security code is unique or common.

42. (new) The system of Claim 39 wherein said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is incorporated with a snap-on adapter fabricated to couple to said portable computing device.

43. (new) The system of Claim 42 wherein said snap-on adapter is fabricated from plastic, nylon, or carbon fiber.

44. (new) The system of Claim 42 wherein said portable computing device comprises a processor and software, said processor coupled to said radio frequency identification integrated circuit, said software operates on said portable computing device and tracks the time and date of an ingress of said portable computing device.

45. (new) The system of Claim 44 wherein said software further tracks the time and date of an egress of said portable computing device.

46. (new) A method comprising:
installing a radio frequency identification integrated circuit with a portable computing device;
installing a security code with said radio frequency identification integrated circuit;
transmitting said security code when said radio frequency identification integrated circuit picks up enough radio frequency energy from a radio frequency signal field to cause said radio frequency identification integrated circuit to become energized, said

radio frequency identification integrated circuit is inactive except when located within said radio frequency signal field;

receiving said security code; and

unlocking an entryway locking mechanism provided said security code is authorized.

47. (new) The method as described in Claim 46 wherein said security code is unique or common.

48. (new) The method as described in Claim 46 wherein said portable computing device is a personal digital assistant (PDA), a pager, a calculator, a portable communication device, or a laptop computer system.

49. (new) The method as described in Claim 46 wherein said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is incorporated with a snap-on adapter fabricated to couple to said portable computing device.

50. (new) The method as described in Claim 46 further comprising:
tracking the time and date of an ingress of said portable computing device.

51. (new) The method as described in Claim 46 further comprising:
tracking the time and date of an egress of said portable computing device.